


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 8-11, i.e., so that the claims read as follows:



**Claim 1 (previously amended):** A method of reducing bitterness of a brewed fermented malt beverage which comprises adding to said fermented beverage juniper berry oil in a below a threshold of taste amount of 0.010 ppm to 0.350 ppm based on said malt beverage.

**Claim 2 (previously amended):** A method according to claim 1, wherein said juniper berry oil is added during aging of the beverage.

**Claim 3 (previously amended):** A method according to claim 1, wherein said juniper berry oil is added following aging of and before packaging of the beverage.

**Claim 4 (original):** A method according to claim 1, wherein said juniper berry oil is added as an extract.

**Claim 5 (original):** A method according to claim 3, wherein said juniper berry oil is added as fresh or dried berries which are removed prior to packaging.

**Claim 6 (previously cancelled)**

**Claim 7 (previously amended):** A method according to claim 1, wherein said juniper berry oil is added to said malt beverage in an amount of 0.015 ppm to 0.070 ppm based on said malt beverage.

**Claims 8-11 (cancelled)**

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